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Synopsis of State material reported to the President

BERLIN

The Secretary and Lloyd had a brief discussion yesterday regarding an interim Berlin agreement. Lloyd said that Khrushchev, in the absence of such an agreement, would almost surely renew pressure on West Berlin after the President's visit, and considered it preferable to seek an interim agreement based on our July 28 Geneva proposal, adding that any such agreement should provide for the maintenance of our rights at its expiry. The Secretary indicated general agreement, noting the importance of bridging the German elections. Both agreed it would be wise to delay discussion of nuclear test matters until the last stages of the summit meeting, since this appeared to be the one area in which the Soviets were interested in securing agreement.

DE GAULLE

..... said the statement would go far in the liberal direction, thereby confounding those who had claimed that there had been a hardening of de Gaulle's position during his trip to Algeria.

CUBA

Embassy Habana reports that after considering the slogans adopted by the Cuban Confederation of Workers it appears likely that the Government may take advantage of the May 1 celebrations to: (1) announce nationalization of public services and reorganization of the labor movement under tightened governmental control; (2) make critical references to our Guantanamo naval base, although the Embassy does not believe it likely that the base treaty will be denounced; (3) condemn strongly alleged US intervention and criticize strongly the existing Pan-American system, including the Organization of American States, as being dominated and controlled by the

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